Ivins City Parks and Recreation
Staff Report June 5, 2025
Report Dates: May 1 – May 31

Recreation

Previous Activities:

- **Finish Line Event**
  Participants logged over 4,000 miles of running/walking, bicycling, and swimming during our Sloth-a-thlon event. That is the distance from Ivins to the Panama Canal! They all had a fun time at the park celebrating their accomplishments and winning prizes at the Finish Line Event.





- **Concerts in the Park**
  We had a couple of great concerts in the park in May. It was a great way to start the summer!
  Friday May 2nd ***Fast Eddie***
  and
  Friday May 9th ***Runaway Fire***



Ongoing Activities:

- **Youth Baseball**
  Monday through Thursday nights have been full of t-ball and coach pitch players at UNITY park. Games end on June 11.

- **Youth Summer Tennis Camp**
  A fun and organized tennis camp that offers youth the opportunity to explore skills and fundamentals of tennis in a nonjudgmental, positive environment. Come join us! Taught by local tennis pro Stephanie Judd.
  Monday June 2 – Thursday June 5
  Little Ace: 8am-8:45am (for ages 5-9)
  Big Ace: 8:45am-9:30am (for ages 10-13)
  Advanced: 9:30am-10:15am (for ages 14+)

Upcoming Activities

- **Teen Summer Foam Blast**
  Wednesday July 9th 11am-2pm
  NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR – Ivins Heritage Park 100N 100W
  Ages 12-18
  Water fun, music, foam, slide, shave ice food truck

- **Day trip to Bryce Canyon**
  Tuesday August 5th from 7:30am – 6:45pm
  $50/participant
  Minors must be accompanied by an adult
  Fee covers bus, entrance to park, water and snacks on the bus.

- **Family Movies in the Park**
  Fridays in August, Ivins City Heritage Park will turn into an outdoor movie theater. Movies start at dusk. This year's lineup is:
  August 1st – Brother Bear
  August 8th – Moana
  August 15 – Moana 2
  August 22nd – Cinderella (2015)

- **Youth Flag Football**
  Registration open now through August 8 online at ivins.recdesk.com
  The age divisions for this league will be as follows:
  Ages – 5 & 6 Coed (Tuesdays & Thursdays)
  Ages – 7 & 8 Coed (Mondays & Wednesdays)
  Ages – 9 to 12 Coed (Tuesdays & Thursdays)
  Ages determined as of October 31, 2025
  Play begins week of Sept 15 and ends week of Oct 6. Games at UNITY Park.

- **Youth Volleyball**
  Registration open now through August 8 online at ivins.recdesk.com
  Grades 3rd-8th Co-ed
  Games are held on Mondays at Lava Ridge Intermediate School from Sept 15-Oct 27

- **<u>Heritage Days – September 6-13 – 'Planting Seeds, Harvesting Unity'</u>**
  The schedule is online at ivinsutah.gov/ivins-heritage-days-2025/
  We are excited for the new and returning activities this year. Registration is now open for the Art Exhibit, Car Show, Hockey Clinic, Pie Baking Contest, Sponsorships, Vendor Booths, Parade, and Mini-Miss. Contact Victoria Topham if you'd like to tell a story for Coyote Tales.

Parks

- **Maintenance**
  - **Projects:**
    - Placed 2 tables at Community Garden and helped with weed control.
    - Testing out a growth hormone to be applied to lawns that should reduce water needs and mowing needs to the turf (will report the results after the mowing season.)
    - Coordinated Community Service projects – Weed control, and planting projects, multiple citizens have donated plants which we planted in our areas.
  - **Cemetery**: Prepared 3 burials and marked out 3 headstone locations for the monument company.
  - **Reservations**: Marked out and painted 11 soccer fields for Ivins Youth Soccer. Managed and followed up on over 70 pavilion, field, and building reservations, ensuring the parks and facilities were prepared for events like: Youth Baseball, RVU Intramurals, Graduation Celebrations, Birthday Parties, Church groups, Concerts, Special Events, Scouts, Company Picnics, Vista School Field Day, Soccer, and more.
  - **Citizen Requests**: Addressed community concerns, including vegetation pruning and watering, cemetery inquiries, trail maintenance, weed removal, garbage removal, water leaks, broken drinking fountains, mowing and beautification, and more.
  - **Seasonal Maintenance**: Weed control at all maintained properties. Mowing on Wednesdays and/or Thursdays. Tested Fire Lake for e-Coli levels (tests came back with acceptable levels).
  - **Playground Safety**: Conducted weekly inspections of all city playgrounds to ensure safety standards.
  - **Highway 91:** The Parks crew finished landscaping at Red Mountain Terrace and Red Mountain Vista. Also, they did an inventory on plants that have died on HWY 91 and replanted in those areas
  - **Landscape Inspections:** Inspections for Onix Canyon for irrigation and landscape.

- **Professional Development and Trainings**
  - **Grant Submittals**: Unfortunately, we did not receive the ADA Swing set grant for $38,500 or the Arrowhead Park Road Access grant for $560,000. I will keep pursuing grant opportunities.
  - **Trainings:** Joseph gave a presentation at the Fire Safety Talk About educating the public on how to plan, plant, and maintain landscape that will reduce the risk of fire. He also gave a training to the Tamarisk removal group on chainsaw safety.

- **General Plan Implementation**
  - **Page 75 – Action Step #6 – Enhancing Buffers and Landscaping –** ***A plan will be developed to install landscape buffers along old Highway 91 and other key streets.***
    Created a Highway 91 Plan for Landscaping (Phase 1).
    This document includes:
    - Local Landscape Architects
    - Local Installation Contractors
    - Materials List
    - Existing properties that need to be landscaped
      - 200 E. Corner
      - Red Mt. Terrace - DONE
      - 200 W
      - Red Mt Vista - DONE
      - 400 W Roundabout - DONE
      - Indigo
      - 4 center islands

Items to Discuss with the Council

- **Skatepark Lighting**
- **Highway 91 Landscape**

If you would like more information on any of the items on this report, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Respectfully submitted,
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